

MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP

PROTECTIVE SERVICE OCCUPATIONS

More than six out of 10 *Protective Service* jobs are middle-skilled. The top three middle-skill *Protective Service* occupations with the most projected annual openings are *Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers*, *Correctional Officers and Jailers*, and *Firefighters*. These three occupations combined are projected to have more than 2,200 annual job openings through 2030.

Middle-Skill Top Protective Service Occupations by Annual Openings					
Occupations	2020	2030	Annual Openings		2020
	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment	Growth	Total	Mean Wage
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	14,286	14,829	54	1,157	\$56,480
Correctional Officers & Jailers	7,732	7,069	-66	613	\$33,380
Firefighters	5,901	6,150	25	469	\$51,970
First-Line Supervisors of Police & Detectives	2,248	2,319	7	152	\$87,130
Detectives & Criminal Investigators	1,928	1,972	4	144	\$73,870
Miscellaneous First-Line Supervisors, Protective Service	1,039	1,106	7	109	\$58,280
Workers	1,556	1,624	7	109	\$73,790
First-Line Supervisors of Fire Fighting & Prevention Workers	603	680	8	64	\$50,730
Private Detectives & Investigators	591	568	-2	44	\$50,400
First-Line Supervisors of Correctional Officers	297	293	0	27	\$36,480

Skill requirements for occupations can be divided into *common skills* and *specialized skills*. Common skills are applicable across many different industries and occupations and are also known as “soft” skills. The top common skills for *Protective Service* occupations include *Investigation* and *Operations*. Specialized skills are more specific to an occupation and are also known as “technical” or “hard” skills. The top specialized skills for *Protective Service* occupations include *Law Enforcement* and *Rehabilitation*.

The top qualification for *Protective Service* occupations is a *driver's license*, which is useful for a wide range of jobs. Other qualifications are more specific to certain *Protective Service* occupations, such as a security clearance or a pilot's license.

Top Qualifications

Valid Driver's License

Top Secret-Sensitive Compartmented Information (TS/SCI Clearance)

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification

FAA Instrument Rating

Airline Transport Pilot License

Top Skills

Top Common Skills

Investigation

Operations

Communications

Management

Tactfulness

Top Specialized Skills

Law Enforcement

Rehabilitation

Patrolling

All Terrain Vehicles

Contraband Detection & Control

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